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In re Patent Application of )  
Miyoko ONO et al ) Group Art Unit: 1761  
Application No.: 08/693,499 ) Examiner: C. Sherrer  
Filed: August 7, 1996 )  
For: HOP EXTRACT AND USE )  
THEREOF )

**REPLY AND AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231



Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action dated April 6, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please delete claims 3-6 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter set forth therein.

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Please amend the claims as follows:

In claim 2, line 9, please delete "2".

In claim 7, line 3, please delete "5", and insert in place thereof --1--.

In claim 9, line 3, please delete "5", and insert in place thereof --1--.

In claim 11, line 3, please delete "5", and insert in place thereof --1--.